

# CA ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Created in 2001 by the CA State Board of Education to:
  1. Advise the CA State Board of Education on all charter school matters, and
  2. Meet the statutory requirements of Senate Bill 740 which required an Advisory Committee to make public funding recommendations for “nonclassroom-based” charter schools (e.g. distance learning, independent study and technology “virtual” charter schools).
- Meets every other month between State Board of Education Meetings to consider policy issues with CA Department of Education and make recommendations to State Board

## • COMMISSION EXPERTISE AND STATUTORY REPRESENTATION

1. Mark Kushner, Chair, representing charter schools  
CEO and Founder, Leadership Public Schools
2. Marta Reyes, representing CA Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Director, Charter Schools Unit, CA Department of Education
3. Vicky Barber, representing county superintendents  
County Superintendent, El Dorado County
4. Steve Barr, Chair, representing charter schools  
CEO and Founder, Green Dot Public Schools
5. Tom Conry, representing teachers  
Teacher and California Teacher Association Board Member
6. Beth Hunkapillar, representing local school boards  
Board Member, San Carlos Elementary School District  
Board Member, Aspire Public Schools
7. Mike Piscal, representing charter schools  
Director, Inner City School Foundation

### Two Currently Open Seats:

- Parent representative (nominee pending) (seat vacated by state board member Johnathan Williams)
- District superintendent representative (nominees being reviewed)

# CHARTER COMMISSION AREAS OF FOCUS

## Making recommendations regarding:

- Approval or denial of charter appeals (e.g., when charters are denied by district and county boards of education)
- Approval or denial of charter-related waiver requests
- Senate Bill 740 funding determinations for non-classroom based schools
- Charter related regulations and/or legislation pending or needed
- Funding inequities for charter schools
- Pressing charter related issues (e.g. credentialing, facilities funding, state bonds, special education, etc.)
- Charter related areas requested by State Board of Education, California Department of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction or members of the charter community